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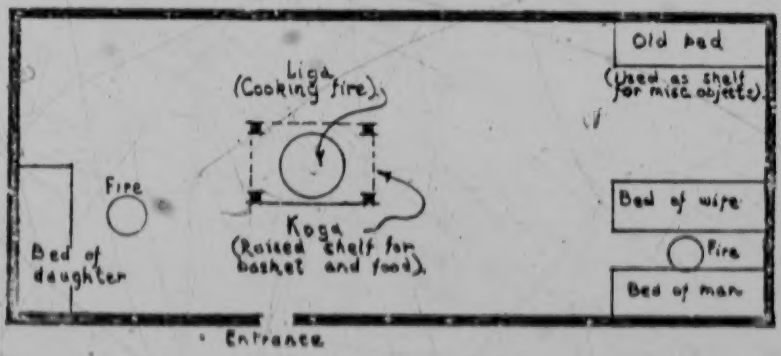
which they begin to make. Bamboo poles are split into long segments two or three inches in width. The leaves are separated and "sewed" to the bamboo segments. The "thread" used in sewing is the fibre from the leaf. Each thatched layer is piled one on top of another on the ground, and a bit later fastened on the framework of the roof by laying one layer on top of another (beginning from the lower edge of the roof), the tops about four inches apart. They are then tied to the cross-beams of the frame. The man whose house it is will not participate in the work as actively



INTERIOR OF A HOUSE

as the others, for he is busy tending the *liga*. His wife has brought in taro from their garden, and she, with the other women of the hamlet, is busy preparing it. At the end of each day's work the owner gives a feast for those who have assisted him, which is considered as payment. The making of the roof takes three or four days, while the collecting of the leaves takes one day, the "sewing" another day, and fastening them on the framework one or two more days.

After the roof is finished the owner works alone, making the walls of flat bamboo segments. Sometimes he will ask other men to help him, and in that case he feeds them as before. The beaten ground is the floor of the house, and the only opening is the door. When the house is completed the